

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole comprising:

a body portion;

at least three arms each extending radially inward from a distal end connected to the body portion to an engageable end receivable within the central hole, the engageable end having at least one extension member connected to the body portion; and

wherein each of the arms has a first pivot axis positioned substantially at the distal end, a second pivot axis positioned substantially at the extension member, and a third pivot axis positioned in between the first and second pivot axes.

2. The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein each engageable end further comprises at least one lip for securing a top surface of the disk when in a disk-locking position.

3. The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the body portion has a gap positioned around each arm allowing the arms to pivot about the first, second and third axes without contacting the body portion.

4. The apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising a disk-receiving portion and a cover portion that move relative to each other via a hinged region to form an enclosure around the disk, the body portion being positioned within the disk-receiving portion.

5. The apparatus according to Claim 4 wherein the first, second and third pivot axes have a first vertical plane that is positioned towards the central hole of the disk and away from a second vertical plane created by contact points when the cover portion is pressed against the engageable portions.

6. The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the first, second and third pivot axes are in triangle type closed loop combination.

7. The apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising at least three ridges extending from the body portion to support a bottom surface of the disk when in a disk-locking position, wherein the ridges do not contact an information-carrying portion of the disk.

8. The apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein the engageable ends form a pie-shaped engageable region receivable within the central hole of the disk.

9. The apparatus according to Claim 8 wherein the disk can be removed from the disk-locking position by application of pressure to the center of the pie-shaped engageable region.

10. The apparatus according to Claim 9 wherein when pressure is applied to the center of the pie-shaped engageable region, a bounded region of the lips decreases to a size less than a circumference of the central hole of the disk.

11. The apparatus according to Claim 9 wherein when pressure is applied to the center of the pie-shaped engageable region, the arms arch to support and elevate the disk for easier removal, the arms not being in contact with the information-carrying portion of the disk.

12. The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the arms provide support to the bottom surface of the disk when in the disk-locking position, the arms not being in contact with the

information-carrying portion of the disk.

13. The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the body portion further comprises a connecting member for connection to each extension member, each extension member and connecting member being pivotally attached at the second pivot axis.

14. The apparatus according to Claim 13 wherein each connecting member is elevated from the body portion.